

**Resolution authorizing a one-year grant agreement with Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. for services that foster economic opportunity and cultural partnerships between Columbus and international communities.**

**(Economic Development & Planning) (\$50,000)**

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. facilitates introductions between leaders of business in Franklin County and their counterparts in sister cities; and

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. wishes to encourage wider community participation in and understanding of world cultures; and

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. wishes to execute its mission of encouraging economic development, educational enhancement and cultural exchange by establishing and fostering relationships between Franklin County and each of its sister cities; and

**WHEREAS,** the work of Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. increases the tourism market in Franklin County - a \$7.8 billion industry whose impact reduces the average Franklin County homeowner's tax bill by \$2,200 annually; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners desires to support programs that foster economic growth, especially growth that is properly balanced and coordinated with that of the state and other local governments pursuant to Section 307.692 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;**

The attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, and the attached contract between the Columbus Sister Cities International, Inc. and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, are hereby approved.

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Cc: Sister Cities International, Inc.